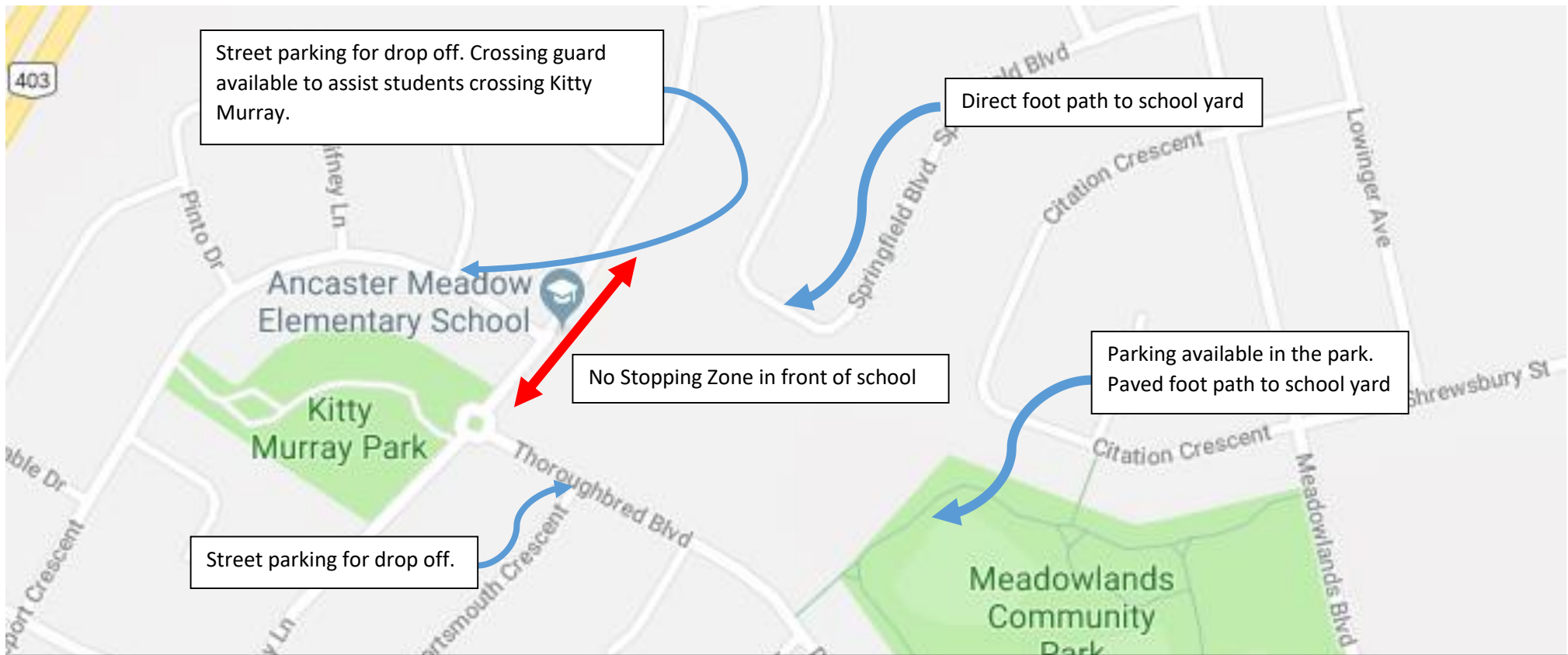


Promoting Safe Traffic Around Ancaster Meadow Elementary



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Promote safety for children walking to school

The issue of parking congestion around schools is a common one in today's society. Often parents who drive their children to school, identify the personal safety of their child as the reason. Unfortunately, the increase in vehicular traffic around schools while perhaps solving one problem creates the problem of traffic and parking congestion and increases the risk to those children who walk to school.

Parents can help by promoting walking to and from school. Parents and caregivers can help in addressing these issues with little negative impact on their lives and they may, in fact, enjoy some positive results.

Walk a Block program

In some circumstances parents, while on their way to work, drive their children to school. Parents may want to consider parking their vehicles one or two blocks away from the school and walk with their children the short distance to the school grounds.

In some communities this is known as the "Walk a Block" program. It has the benefit of providing parents and children with an opportunity to exercise and talk about various safety rules as well as improving their knowledge of the streets in their neighbourhood.

Walking School Bus program

Another concept used in some communities is the "Walking School Bus" program. This involves the children walking to school with an adult neighbour who walks their own children to school. If you know of someone who also walks their children to school, ask the parent if they'd be willing to have your child walk with them in exchange for you walking their children on alternate days or weeks.